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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-Provisional Application ("Notice") mailed August 20, 2001. For the reasons that follow, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) accept that the omitted items

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(Figure 22 and 23) were filed in the PTO as of the earliest filing dates of this application,

namely: March 8, 2001, the filing date USSN 09/802,318 (of which the present application is a

continuation-in-part), and December 4, 2000, the filing date of USSN 09/729,485 (of which

USSN 09/802,318 is a continuation-in-part, and to which the present application has properly

claimed priority).

To any extent a petition is needed for the herein requests, this paper is to serve as

such and the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee thereof, or for

granting the herein requests, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application without prejudice, without admission and without

surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents

as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

After Figure 21, please add Figures 22 and 23.

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